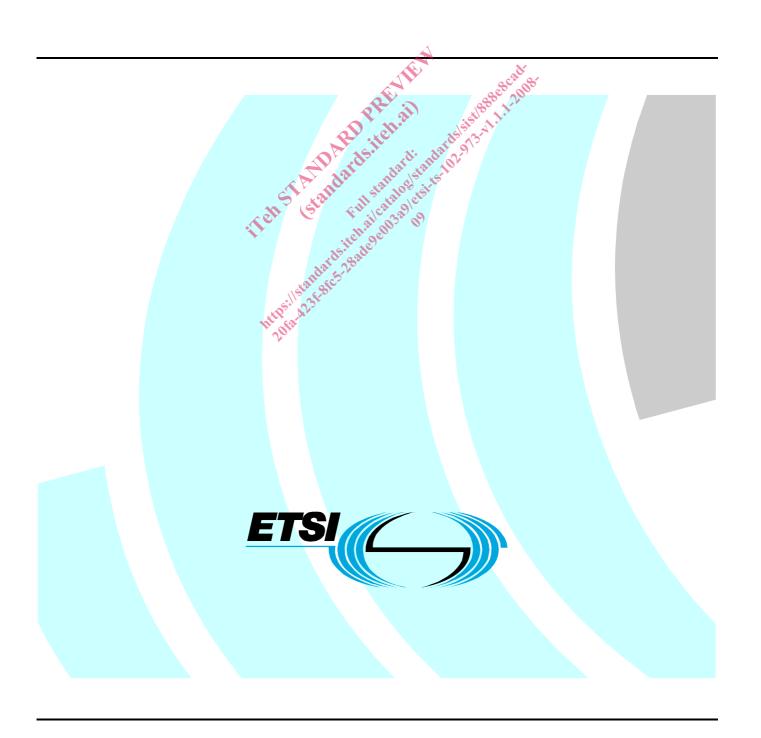
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Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Access, Terminals, Transmission and Multiplexing (ATTM).

Introduction

The present document defines the requirements of a Network Termination (NT) device for Next Generation Access Networks in different technologies.

Because many options for such a device are feasible, depending on the access network technology, the business scenario, the regulatory constraints, etc., the present document provides a superset of the requirements for a Layer 2 Network Termination: a specific NT device implementation may be derived by selecting the appropriate subset of technical requirements.

The present document is organized as list of possible clauses for a joint specification to be used as Request for Information and to extract contributions to be submitted to different Fora and Standardization bodies.

Business Rationale

As the next step in the evolution of Access Networks, it is foreseen that higher bandwidth services will be delivered, either with active network elements built closer to the end-user (e.g. VDSL or Point-to-Point FTTH technology), or at the opposite end with active elements more distant from the end-user (e.g. GPON FTTH technology). Due to the deployment of new access networks, network operators are faced with technological, operational, financial and also regulatory challenges.

The development of a Layer-2 Network Termination (NT) device at the customer premises location for Next Generations Networks is related with the deployment of new very high broadband network access infrastructure and the need to ensure a competitive market for retail services. Since the investment for those deployments is very high, it is expected that only a very limited number of operators can build the infrastructure.

For this reason, in deployment scenarios where the investment in (part of) the infrastructure has geographically only been made by a single Access Network Provider (ANP), a wholesale offer like "Ethernet Bitstream" will contribute to create a competitive market for retail services. This will allow more Service Providers to offer services to end users through a standard and unique Access Network-Home Network interface (Ethernet interface). The Ethernet Bitstream offering can be considered as a Layer-2 transport service from the end-user location to the Point of Presence (PoP) of the Broadband Service Provider (BSP), as an alternative to sub-loop unbundling. Then the BSP supplies the end user IP connectivity and optionally application services of its own or of other application service providers (ASP). At the contrary, in deployment scenarios where several companies have invested in broadband network access infrastructure in a given geographical area, retail services competition is provided by sub-loop unbundling and therefore wholesale offer like "Ethernet Bitstream" is not required.

The following scenarios can be considered:

- 1) Multiple access network providers in a given area/Single network operator per customer: each access network is owned by an operator offering its own bundle of services; the customer can churn from one operator to another.
 - In this scenario the NT is not strictly mandatory as a stand-alone device. The operator can provide an integrated CPE device (Home Gateway) to its customer in order to terminate the xDSL or fiber optic link and to deliver its services.
- 2) Single access network provider in a given area/Multiple BSP per customer: this scenario refers to a single open access network, owned by an ANP, providing open and equal access to many BSP that may simultaneously offer services to each customer via multiple virtual Ethernet connections. In this scenario the presence of the NT owned by the ANP is mandatory. The NT provides standard Ethernet multi-port interface(s) to the BSPs, with one (or more) different port(s) for each BSP. Each BSP can provide terminals (Home Gateway, Analogue Telephony Adapters, VoIP phones, IPTV Set Top Box) to its customer in order to deliver its services.

In any case, the deployment of a NT with standard Ethernet interface enables the definition of service models where other Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) and terminals are provided by the BSP or alternatively can be purchased on the retail market by the customer.

Both scenarios have a different impact on the requirements of the NT but it is expected that having a NT device would:

- define a clear interface to allow the separation of responsibilities between the BSP and the ANP;
- help an ANP, providing wholesale services, to troubleshoot directly the end point of the access network at the NT-side, allowing end-to-end service assurance on the NGAN;
- allow the evolution of home networks and all IP-based services independently from the FTTx access network technology.

However, since the NT is a L2 device, in case of multi-BSP-per-customer there are the following limitations:

- a separate IP home subnetwork corresponds to each different BSP offering, so the customer cannot benefit from a single home network, and interaction between services of different broadband service providers are impossible within the home network;
- internal home network cabling becomes increasingly complex, if differentiation of broadband service providers is made through different physical interfaces;
- the ANP needs to strictly isolate each BSP L2 flow, and cannot benefit from statistical multiplexing on the local (sub)loop and on the aggregation network.

In conclusion, the multi-BSP-per-customer scenario provides the following features:

- free choice for the customer to compose its own bundle of services from different BSPs;
- separation of responsibilities between the ANP investing in the infrastructure (responsible of the access network, including the NT) and the different BSPs (responsible of the home network and the services provided to the end customer).

Figure 1 describes the reference architecture related to the use of a Network Termination device with standard Ethernet interface and different CPEs at the customer site.

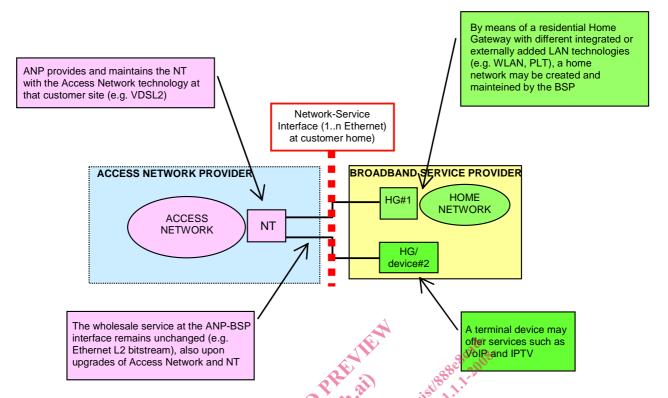


Figure 1: Reference architecture for use of a Network Termination in NGN

NT high-level functionalities

The main features of the NT device, that are defined in the present document, are:

- termination of the access network at the customer premise, whatever access technology is used (ADSL2+, VDSL2, GPON, Point-to-Point FTTH with 100Base-BX):
 - when existing twisted pair lines and VDSL2 technology is used in the access, NT is self-installing by the customer on the existing POTS/ISDN termination connector;
- it is locally powered;
- it is under complete ownership and responsibility of the ANP, for provisioning and assurance purposes; remote management of the NT is a possible feature;
- it is equipped with (at least) one standard LAN-technology Ethernet interface, for the interconnection to CPE/Home Gateways/Terminals provided by BSPs or ASPs;
- it may be equipped with more than one physical LAN Ethernet interface in order to enable multiple service devices and multi-BSP offerings;
- it supports VLAN traffic segregation and related functionalities;
- optionally, it may provide upstream QoS functionalities to enable L2 bitstream services; this feature is especially needed when there is a bottleneck in the upstream, more relevant in case of xDSL access;
- optionally, it may be remotely managed (firmware upgrade included).

The following functionalities are **not required** for the NT device:

- lifeline in case of power interruption;
- VoIP/FXS ports and related functionalities;
- any other LAN interfaces except Ethernet;

• in case of multiple-BSP scenario, the intra-LAN connectivity between devices connected to different BSPs (in this case, the communication between these devices will use the WAN interface and geographical network).

Such a NT device may support a wholesale business model for L2 bitstream services over the Next Generation Access Network.

Reference block diagram for NT

In the present document, the possible functionalities of the NT device are organized in a set of functional blocks, that may be included or not included in the device depending upon specific implementations and deployments.

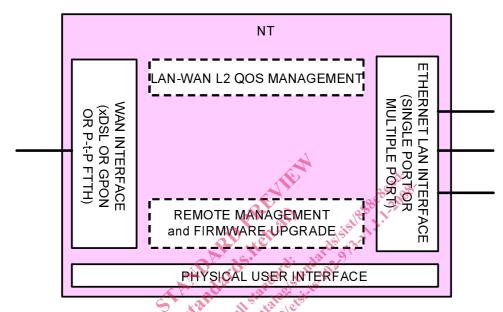


Figure 2: Reference block diagram for the Network Termination device

As outlined in figure 2, the functional blocks of the NT device are the following:

- **Physical user interface**, as defined in the general requirements of the NT device (clause 4), including LEDs and buttons/switches.
- WAN physical interface (clause 5), that must be either xDSL, GPON or Point-to-point FTTH. The logical framing on the WAN interface (clause 6) is L2 Ethernet, but in case of xDSL/ADSL2+ also ATM framing must be supported.
- **Ethernet LAN interface** (clause 7), that must be equipped with either a single LAN port (*single service provider scenario*) or with multiple LAN ports (*multiple service provider scenario*).
- IP functionalities (clause 8) are not required, except when a TCP/IP based remote management feature is requested.
- LAN-WAN QoS functionalities for the upstream traffic (clause 9), may be required, e.g. in case of VDSL2 NT with multiple LAN ports.
- The **remote management** functional block (clause 11) is optional and may be implemented with different solutions, depending upon the access technology on the WAN interface.

1 Scope

The present document describes a proposal of requirements for a Network Termination (NT) device in Next Generation Access Networks.

2 References

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For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:				
ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line			
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard			
AN	Access Network			
ANP	Access Network Provider			
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode			
BER	Bit Error Rate			
BSP	Broadband Service Provider			
CBR	Constant Bit Rate			
CO	Central Office			
CoS	Class of Service			
CPE	Customer Premises Equipment			
DBRu	Dynamic Bandwidth Report upstream			
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol			
DSCP	DiffServ Code Point			
DSLAM	Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer			
EFM	Ethernet in the First Mile			
EMC	Electric Magnetic Compatibility			
FE	Fast Ethernet			
FEC	Forward Error Correction			
FTTH	Fiber To The Home			
FTU	Fiber Termination Unit			
FXS	Foreign eXchange Station			
GEM	G-PON Encapsulation Method			
GPON	Gigabit Passive Optical Network			
ID	Identifier			
IGMP	Internet Group Management Protocol			